



Fact Sheet:



WOMEN'S CONSTITUENT COMMITTEE

OVERVIEW

The Women's Constituent Committee is a component of the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs' (ADP) Advice-Seeking System. Members are selected through an application process and are approved by the Director of ADP. They serve as volunteers without compensation. Committee members are individuals dedicated to addressing alcohol and other drug problems among women, their families and their communities, through the development of appropriate policy, programs and community education. All of the members are active in their local communities. The Women's Constituent Committee conducts meeting on a regular basis to network and develop issues to present to ADP. Currently there are eleven members who represent various populations and geographic areas statewide.

MEMBERSHIP

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| Deborah Werner, Chair | Los Angeles |
| Kim Archuletta | San Diego |
| Kathleen Minnette Benitez | Alameda |
| Laurie Drabble | Santa Clara |
| Virginia Saldaña Grove | Sacramento |
| Theresa Hernandez | Fresno |
| Toni Mosley | Los Angeles |
| Brenda Underhill | Contra Costa |
| Patricia Tamp | Tehama |
| Lily Alvarez* | Kern |
| Patricia Patterson** | Sacramento |

* County Alcohol & Drug Program Administrator

** Technical Assistance Contractor

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Over the years, the Women's Constituent Committee has developed and forwarded a number of specific recommendations to advance alcohol and drug treatment and prevention for women, girls, and families. In addition to this primary charge, members of the Women's Constituent Committee have contributed to other workgroups, advisory meetings, and projects of the Department of Alcohol & Drug Programs.

The Women's Constituent Committee endeavors to serve as a bridge between the community and ADP. To this end, the Committee has held local forums in conjunction with meetings in different regions of the state, invited community members and experts to provide input into ideas for recommendations, and coordinated a summit on key women's alcohol and drug issues.

Areas that the Committee has developed recommendations include: female adolescents with substance abuse problems, substance abusing women in the criminal justice system, substance using pregnant and parenting women, culturally appropriate services, and cross-systems collaboration to effectively address multiple issues.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you are interested in the Women's Constituent Committee, please contact Deborah Werner at 310.569.7191.